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FOLLOWING TEL DTD MAY 18, 1974 ACTION SAIGON USDAO SAIGON IMMEDIATE
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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NHA TRANG 0323

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI MOPS VS

SUBJECT: SITUATION AT PHU CAT

1. OUR PROV REP IN BINH DINH REPORTS NO FURTHER ROCKETING
AGAINST PHU CAT AIR BASE AND SAYS BASE COMMANDER, COL TUYEN,
HAS INDICATED IT IS NOW SAFE FOR LSI CONTRACTORS TO RETURN FROM
QUI NHON. THEY WILL BE GOING BACK BY ROAD THIS MORNING. BASE
COMMANDER ALSO INDICATED THAT DAO COURIER FLIGHT, CANCELLED
YESTERDAY BECAUSE OF ACTION, CAN LAND TODAY ANYTIME AFTER 1000.

2. RE OUTPOSTS WHICH WERE BEING FOUGHT OVER YESTERDAY, PROV REP
REPORTS THAT THE ONE NEAREST TO THE AIR BASE (BR 860 447) WAS
RETAKEN BY GVN FORCES AT 1630 MAY 17. GVN LOSSES, HOWEVER, WERE
HIGH (4 KIA 20 WIA, 15 MIA PLUS 10 M-16 AND 1 PRC-10 RADIO LOST). ON
COMMUNIST SIDE, THERE WERE 30 KIA, AND 3 SMALL ARMS CAPTURED.
THE OUTPOST AT BR 824 494 IS STILL HELD BY THE COMMUNISTS. PF
FORCES AT OUTPOSTS LOCATED AT BR 776 445 AND BR 740 413 WITHDREW
UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE YESTERDAY TO FORM A DEFENSIVE LINE BETWEEN
THESE POSTS AND THE AIRBASE. BINH DINH SECTOR CLAIMS THAT THE
COMMUNIST ATTACKING FORCE HAS POSITIVELY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS 3
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BTNS OF THE 2ND REGT, YNVA 3RD DIVISION. HOWEVER, II CORPS HQS

IN NHA TRANG INDICATED THIS MORNING THAT THE ENEMY INVOLVED IN THE PHU CAT ACTION WAS THE E2B LOCAL FORCE BTN. POSSIBLY BOTH UNITS WERE INVOLVED.

3. COL. THO, BINH DINH PROVINCE CHIEF, IS MOVING ONE RANGER GROUP FROM

TAM QUAN AND UNNAMED RF UNITS INTO THE AREA WEST OF PHU CAT AIR BASE I HAN EFFORT TO RETAKE THE LOST OUTPOSTS. HE HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL FORCES FROMFCORPS BUT DOES NOT ANTICIPATE A POSITIVE REPLY. MEANWHILE, FIGHTING IN THE PHU CAT AREA AND THROUGHOUT BINH DINH IS PRESENTLY ALMOST NIL.

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